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MEDICAL PERFUSION SYSTEM)

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are presented in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2002.

REMARKS

On February 11, 2002, the applicant filed a preliminary amendment which contained new claims 23-38. On page 2 of the Office Action, the examiner states that these claims are "directed to a medical perfusion system classified in class 604." The examiner further states that the invention defined by these claims was elected during the prosecution of the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 5,813,972. Consequently, the examiner concludes that these new claims are directed to a non-elected invention and withdrawn from consideration. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.143, the applicant requests that the examiner reconsider the restriction and withdrawal of claims 23-38 for the following reasons.